



YOUR BIWEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
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Alumni Spotlight

Victoria Francis '18 is currently working as an Academic Counselor in the Glenville State College Academic Success Center. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Francis came to Glenville State to complete her undergraduate degree and was hired at GSC directly after her graduation.

“There is a common saying around here, ‘Glenville grows on you’ and how true that statement has become for me. GSC is a place that opens its arms to new faces and welcomes all, which I continuously feel every day,” said Francis.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, finding ways to educate herself in non-



Founders Day of Giving Successful

On Tuesday, February 19, Glenville State College held its second [Day of Giving](#), this time on Founders Day. The goal for the day was to raise \$90,000 for academic, student, athletic, and alumni projects. By the end of the day, the goal was exceeded, and with the help of over 380 donors, \$104,579 was raised!

“I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the GSC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters who participated in the Day of Giving, and can’t thank them enough. I’m proud to be at an institution where so many people support the mission of the institution and want to empower the students to succeed,” said GSC Director of Fundraising Ashley Knight.

Once again thank you to all those who donated! If you still wish to make a contribution you can do so by [clicking here](#), contacting Knight by [email](#), or by calling (304) 462-6382.

From The President *Dr. Tracy L. Pellett, President*

traditional forms, history, long runs, and the beauty of nature.

Victoria currently resides in Glenville, West Virginia, and is working on completing her Master's Degree in Mild to Moderate K-12 Special Education at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio.

We are pleased to feature Victoria in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call her an alumna of Glenville State College.



Did You Know?

The Glenville State College Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble has been invited to perform at the 50th Anniversary International Tuba and Euphonium Conference (ITEC) at the University of Iowa. The conference is the largest of its kind and will take place in late spring. This will be the sixth time that Glenville State has performed at the ITEC since 2008.

Greetings Pioneers,

This week we celebrated the anniversary of the founding of Glenville State College, known back in those days as the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School. Believe it or not, the primary mode of transportation to and from Glenville at the time was via riverboats on the Little Kanawha – how far we've come in 147 years!



One thing that hasn't changed at Glenville State since 1872 is the generosity of our friends and neighbors. At the time of our founding, the state approved the idea of a college in Glenville but provided no funds to actually establish the school. So, fifty-six citizens of Gilmer County came together with their own money, investing anywhere from five dollars to one-hundred dollars for the cause. We saw this same kind of generosity this week on our Founders Day of Giving where nearly 400 individuals raised over \$100,000 in just one day for assorted projects at GSC. Please accept my personal thanks to everyone who donated!

Even as we work to establish new scholarships and supplement existing funds, we know that many GSC students feel the financial burden of paying for college more acutely than some of their peers. That is why we believe it is our responsibility to continue to be keenly focused on college accessibility and affordability. As such, our Board of Governors recently voted to not raise tuition rates for the third straight academic year. This is a direct response to what can only be described as out of control increases in tuition rates at other institutions across the Mountain State.

In addition to celebrating Founders Day, this week also saw several special ceremonies that signified our commitment to educating the citizens of central West Virginia and beyond. GSC has entered into agreement with Nicholas County and Richwood High Schools to offer those students the opportunity to complete their two-year Associate of Arts degree in General Studies with an emphasis in Education or Business at the same time they are completing their high school graduation requirements. Additionally, we also completed work on an articulation agreement with New River Community and Technical College to create a seamless transition to GSC for students who have already earned an associate degree in business at New River.



I hope to see many of you at our Alumni Basketball game and Winter Homecoming event next weekend.

My best,

Tracy

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Valentine's Day Murder Mystery

On Friday, February 15 Glenville State College theater students hosted a 1920's themed Valentine's Day murder mystery dinner theater as part of their Day of Giving campaign. The theater program will use the funds raised from the event to purchase a



MEC Basketball Tournament Scheduled March 6-10

new stage curtain for the President's Auditorium in the Heflin Administration Building.

The production was co-sponsored by the GSC Foundation, directed by GSC Professor of Communications Dennis Wemm, and written by GSC Associate Professor of English Dr. Marjorie Stewart.

The Glenville State College Lady Pioneers have already clinched a spot in the [2019 Mountain East Conference Basketball Championship Tournament](#) which will be held in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Stay tuned to the [Glenville State College Alumni & Friends Facebook Group](#) for game and hospitality information. You can purchase tournament tickets by [clicking here](#).



WINTER HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

Waco Center
Glenville State vs WV Wesleyan
Lady Pioneers - 2:00 PM
Pioneers - 4:00 PM

Winter Homecoming will be held next Saturday, March 2 at the Waco Center beginning with the Alumni Game at 10:00 AM followed by a day full of activities. [Click here](#) for more information.



Percussion Ensemble Tickets - March 1

Tickets for the annual Glenville State College Percussion Ensemble will go on sale on Friday, March 1 at 8:00 a.m. Concerts will be held on Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the GSC Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

GSC students are admitted to the April 4 performance for free, but must still reserve a ticket. Tickets for public school students are \$15 and the price for general admission is \$25.

For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the GSC Fine Arts Department at (304) 462-6340.



147th GSC Founders Day Celebration

On Tuesday, February 19 students, faculty, staff, and community members joined together in the Alan B. Mollohan Campus Community Center's Rusty Musket to celebrate the 147th anniversary of the founding of Glenville State College. During this celebration, those in attendance were treated to cake and refreshments.

In the spirit of Founders Day, you can [purchase](#) a Commemorative Sesquicentennial Silver Coin, the proceeds from which directly support the Academic Success Center.



Annual GSC Alumni Basketball Game

The annual GSC Alumni Basketball Game will tip-off March 2 at 10:00 a.m. All former Pioneer and Lady Pioneer basketball players, former coaches, and their fans are invited to return to campus for this event and then to spend the day with us. Check-in for the alumni game will begin at 9:00 a.m. with warm-ups for the game being at 9:30 a.m.

For planning purposes, returning players are encouraged to [click here](#) or call GSC's Alumni Office at (304) 462-6116 to RSVP. If you don't decide to participate until the last minute, come anyway!



Second Annual Black Alumni History Celebration

On Saturday, February 16, Glenville State College celebrated Black Alumni History Week by recognizing Constance “Connie” Franklin ‘78 as GSC’s first African American female student athlete. Guests also enjoyed a historical photo display during the Pioneer Basketball Games.



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Vesta (Alberts) Hrniciar '48 – \$1,000 for the Alberts-Hrniciar Scholarship

Wyvonna (Mason) Kinsey '61 – \$1,000 for the Annual Fund

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A special thank you to those who participated in our Founders Day of Giving!



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